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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

13 VALENT U.S.A. CORPORATION AND
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Case No. CV 08 0720 RS

Plaintiffs,

**CONSENT TO PROCEED BEFORE A US
MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

v.

SYNGENTA CROP PROTECTION, INC.

Defendant.

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In accordance with the provisions of Title 28, U.S.C. Section 636(c), the undersigned party hereby voluntarily consents to have a United States Magistrate Judge conduct any and all further proceedings in the case, including trial, and order the entry of a final judgment. Appeal from judgment shall be taken directly to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

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